

**REMARKS**

In accordance with the above amendment, priority to an earlier co-pending PCT application designating the U.S. is being made within four months of the filing date of the present application and, accordingly, the amendment should be entered.

Respectfully submitted,

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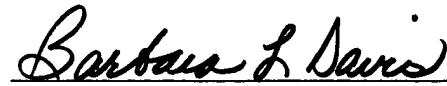


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I hereby certify that the foregoing Supplemental Preliminary Amendment in application Serial No. 10/019,520, filed on December 27, 2001, of Lakjaya Buluwela et al, entitled "CONTROL OF GENE EXPRESSION" is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as First Class mail in an envelope addressed to Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231, postage prepaid, on February 12, 2002.



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